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Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9-11-03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 9-11-03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1, after "September 7, 2001" (line 1) insert, -- now Patent Number 6,651,319 --

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Koshimizu et al teach coupling pressure sensor to a fuel tank, but does not teach the claimed coupling of Applicants' claim 6.

Garfinkel teaches coupling a sensor 10 to a substrate 11 via a first layer 13 having a desirable thickness ("3 micron thickness" (col. 3, line 15)) and a second layer 14. However, (1) the second layer is not "disposed between" (line 3 from bottom of Applicants' claim 6) the sensor and the first layer, (2) the "electrolytic deposition" (col. 3, lines 27-28) applied first layer and the solder layer 14 second layer may not properly be labeled adhesives they are not sticky/gummed, as suggestive of the curing nature required of adhesives (as per Applicants' description that required curing on p. 5, second full paragraph, written specification).

Shiono et al couple a sensor 4 to a substrate via adhesive 2 and adhesive 7. However, there is no one adhesive "disposed between said sensor" (line 3 from bottom of claim 6) and the other adhesive.

Applicant cited Yamada teaches use of an adhesive layer 2 and insulating adhesive 30 layers to join a chip 4 to a substrate 1. Yamada's only reference to adhesive dimensions include a "predetermined size" (col. 4, lines 31-32) of a "concave

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20" (col. 4, line 31). However, (1) Yamada's the finally constructed "device" (Title) does not appear to have two individual adhesive layers as they are "squashed" (col. 6, line 10) to such an extent that the one layer is no longer between the chip and the other layer (See Figures 1(d), 1(e) and col. 6, lines 9-26), (2) the chip may not fairly be called a "sensor", and (3) the dimensions of the final layer(s) (in Figure 1(e)) do not seem to allow for a layer "having a pre-determined thickness" (claim 6, line 4).

As to claim 6, note was made of the combination of "having a pre-determined thickness" (line 4), "sensor", and "second layer of *adhesive* disposed *between* said *sensor and said first layer of adhesive*" (italics added, last three lines) limitations with remaining claim limitations. Note was made of the importance of the "pre-determined thickness" as described on p. 1, lines 8-10 from bottom of the page).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert R. Raevis whose telephone number is 571-272-2204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 4:00pm. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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